



***WORK SESSION of the Greenbelt City Council held Wednesday, July 22, 2009, for the purpose of discussing the City's 75th Anniversary Celebration.***

*Mayor Davis started the meeting at 8:06 p.m. It was held in the MultiPurpose Room of the Community Center.*

***PRESENT WERE:*** Councilmembers Konrad E. Herling, Leta M. Mach, Rodney M. Roberts and Mayor Judith F. Davis. Councilmember Edward V.J. Putens was out of town attending the National League of Cities Small Cities Conference.

***STAFF PRESENT WERE:*** Michael P. McLaughlin, City Manager; and Cindy Murray, City Clerk.

***ALSO PRESENT WERE:*** Megan Searing-Young, Museum Curator; and Bill Orleans.

*Ms. Searing-Young and Council discussed previous City anniversary celebrations and the 75th anniversary celebration which will occur in 2012.*

*Ms. Searing-Young reported on the 75th anniversary celebration of Arthurdale, West Virginia she had recently attended. She noted that Arthurdale was established as the first New Deal community under the Franklin Roosevelt administration. Ms. Searing-Young provided a paperback book containing photographs of Arthurdale and said she is considering having a similar book published on Greenbelt as a museum project.*

*Ms. Searing-Young said some ideas she had considered for the City's 75th anniversary celebration included reenactments of 1937 family life and/or wedding, and showing of a Shirley Temple film in the Greenbelt Theater. She emphasized the need to make the event fun.*

*Ms. Mach suggested a marathon event, which would run through Greenbelt East, Historic Greenbelt and Greenbelt West, be considered as part of the celebration. She also suggested educational programs be included for children.*

*Mr. Roberts suggested City advisory boards and committees be asked to come up with ideas for the celebration.*

*After further discussion, Council recommended an anniversary planning committee be established to plan the 75th anniversary celebration. Council also recommended the advisory committee be established by the current Council but that committee members be interviewed and appointed by the 2009-2011 Council.*

*Mr. McLaughlin said staff would have a resolution ready for Council to establish the planning committee at a September meeting, and would advertise and accept applications during*

*October. Applicants would be scheduled for interview by the new Council in mid-late November. Council requested efforts be made to obtain participation on the committee from every area of the City.*

### ***Informational Items***

*Ms. Mach announced the Human Development Steering Committee of the National League of Cities would be meeting in Washington, DC on September 16-18. She said she will be inviting committee members to tour Greenbelt on Friday, September 18, after the meeting has ended.*

*Mayor Davis announced that she had been notified by Senator Pinsky that the City's \$200,000 Program Open Space applications had been approved. She said Senator Pinsky commented that the City continues to receive these funds because of an excellent track record.*

*Mayor Davis announced the Climate Change Committee of the Council of Governments was now the Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee. She reported that energy efficient street lights were discussed at the new policy committee's first meeting, and that PEPCO had announced Empirian Village would be one of the test locations for energy efficient street lights.*

*Mr. McLaughlin announced Brian Booher had submitted a \$200,000 grant request to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to be used towards the purchase of a hybrid refuse truck.*

*The meeting ended at 9:10 p.m.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Cindy Murray  
City Clerk*